

FOIL PLAN TO MAKE BREAK FROM SHERIFF

Twelve Federal Prisoners in Douglas County Jail Had Bars Sawed and Guns in Their Possession.

AUTOMOBILES WAIT TO ASSURE MEN'S ESCAPE

Secret Tip of Projected Attempt to Mike Clark Enables He and Deputies to Counteract Plot in Time.

The escape of at least 12 prisoners in the county jail, mostly held for federal offenses, was frustrated last night by Sheriff Mike Clark and deputies. Four bars were found sawed in the supposedly escape-proof cells.

R. L. Baker, alias Hatch, known in police circles as the "Georgia Wildcat," is said by Sheriff Clark to be the "brains" of the plan.

Prisoner Confesses

W. H. Bone, 20 years old, of New York city, was the human instrument used by the desperadoes to complete their plans, according to a confession he made last night.

In his confession Bone says that he brought two guns, six hatch saws, a bottle of emery dust and 20 shells to the jail at 2 Friday afternoon.

Bone, in his confession, said that he was threatened by Baker in case he failed and in case the plan was successful was to receive \$10,000.

Prisoners Work All Night

"The Wildcat," "Pigeon," Fred (Shorty) Long and John Hart worked all night Friday sawing the bars out of the cell in which they were confined, after which they cut through two bars which would allow them to exit to the corridor by means of an open space where plumbing pipes pass through the room.

State Department to Help Americans Find Relatives in Poland

Washington, March 13.—The State department announced that on behalf of American citizens it will make welfare inquiries regarding relatives and friends in Poland.

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AGREE TO VOTE ON ARTICLE TEN, NEXT MONDAY

Ratification Decision Expected By Wednesday—Failure Predicted.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, March 13.—Article 10, "the heart of the league of nations covenant," will be brought to a vote in the senate Monday under a unanimous consent agreement entered into today.

With this crucial question passed upon, the way will be clear for an early vote on ratification, perhaps on Tuesday or Wednesday, if all absences can be brought back or properly "paired."

Final rolls made today indicated the defeat of the treaty by a substantial margin, and compromisers admitted that ratification appeared almost hopeless.

Senator Lodge Yields. In the fact of this embargo from his own party colleagues, Senator Lodge, the republican leader, yielded today in the opposite direction and accepted an amendment suggested by Senator Borah of Idaho, strengthening the compromise reservations on article 10 which Senator Lodge offered yesterday.

The Borah amendment would add the words "including all controversies relating to territorial integrity or political independence" in specifying international disputes in which the United States will not interfere.

In the opinion of most senators this amendment takes the compromise back to the effect of the original Lodge reservation, but makes the language more comprehensive, so that in the end it would not be surprising if the original draft were re-introduced.

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Prominent AK-Sar-Ben Worker Drops Dead While Walking Home

Dan W. Coffey, 57 years old, 2604 First street, an old-time resident of Omaha, died last night while walking from downtown to his home.

Mr. Coffey, who is well known in Omaha, has been prominent in boosting for the AK-Sar-Ben carnival in his 15 years' residence in Omaha and has been connected with many of the large enterprises in Omaha.

Mr. Coffey was employed with the American Transfer Co. as collector for many years.

Colonel Greely Is Made Chief Forester By Secretary Meredith

Washington, March 13.—Appointment of Col. W. B. Greely, assistant forester, to succeed Henry S. Graves as chief forester when the latter retires May 1, was announced by Secretary Meredith.

A native of California, Colonel Greely graduated from University of California and Yale forest school and has been with the forest service continuously since 1904, except for two years service with the American Expeditionary forces.

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Benson to Shipping Board

Washington, March 13.—The nomination of Rear Admiral Wm. S. Benson, to become a member of the shipping board to succeed John B. Payne, who is to become secretary of the interior, was confirmed by the senate.

BRYAN SAYS NOT SEEKING NOMINATION

But if Need Should Arise, With None Other Available, He Will Run for President, He Announces to Voters.

EAGER TO BE ELECTED A NEBRASKA DELEGATE

Declares Readiness to Leave Quiet of Home to Aid in Rebuking Reactionaries and Saloon Influences.

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—W. J. Bryan does not desire the democratic presidential nomination, but if none other can be found who meets his test of progressive democracy, he will feel constrained to accept duty's call.

This is Mr. Bryan's attitude, as outlined in a statement made public here tonight.

Mr. Bryan declares that he much prefers a life of peace and quiet, but therefore, if his duty, he says, is to fight for his place on the Nebraska delegation to the San Francisco convention in order to aid in opposing "the reactionaries and friends of the saloon."

"If the situation became such that my nomination was actually demanded," he says, "I would feel it my duty to consider it, but I hope no such situation will arise and I do not now see any probability that such a situation will arise."

There were suggestions tonight that Mr. Bryan's statement may preface his offering of himself as a candidate in the Nebraska presidential preference primary against Senator Hitchcock, in the same way in which, after declaring that he could find no other to enter the lists, he became a candidate for chairman of the Baltimore convention in 1920.

Receives Many Letters. The statement follows: "During the last few weeks I have been receiving an increasing number of letters asking me to become the fourth time a candidate for the presidency. As it is impossible to make personal answer to these letters, I give this one reply to all."

"I recognize it to be the duty of the citizen to respond to the calls of his country in peace or war. Therefore, if the situation becomes such that my nomination was actually demanded, as in time of war a soldier's life is demanded on the battlefield, I would feel it my duty to consider it, but I hope no such situation will arise, and I do not now see any probability that such a situation will arise."

"For 30 years I have taken so active a part in public life that the demands upon my time have, to a large extent, denied me the pleasures of the fireside and the companionship of my family. I have been—not with office, which is the least of rewards—but with the satisfaction of seeing nearly every reform I have advocated written into the unrepeatable law of the land, and now I see my peace plan made the chief cornerstone of the league."

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Cash and Carry Milk Stations Cut Price To 12 Cents a Quart

The Midwest Milk Producers' association, operating "cash-and-carry" milk stations in the city here, today announced a reduction of price from 13 to 12 cents a quart last evening.

Sale of milk at the fire stations at Walnut Hill and at Twenty-second and Lake streets will begin Tuesday morning. They will be operated as at the Twentieth and Poppleton streets plant.

The 12-cent price applies to half pints of cream as well as to quarts of milk.

Chicago Opera Company Star Hurt in Auto Wreck

New York, March 13.—Yvonne Gall, Chicago opera company star soprano, and formerly operatic star in Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, and cities of South America, sustained a possible fracture of the skull in Central park Friday when a taxi in which she was riding collided with an automobile owned by Max Katta, William Beyer, the taxi chauffeur, was also injured slightly. Mlle. Gall was taken to Flower hospital.

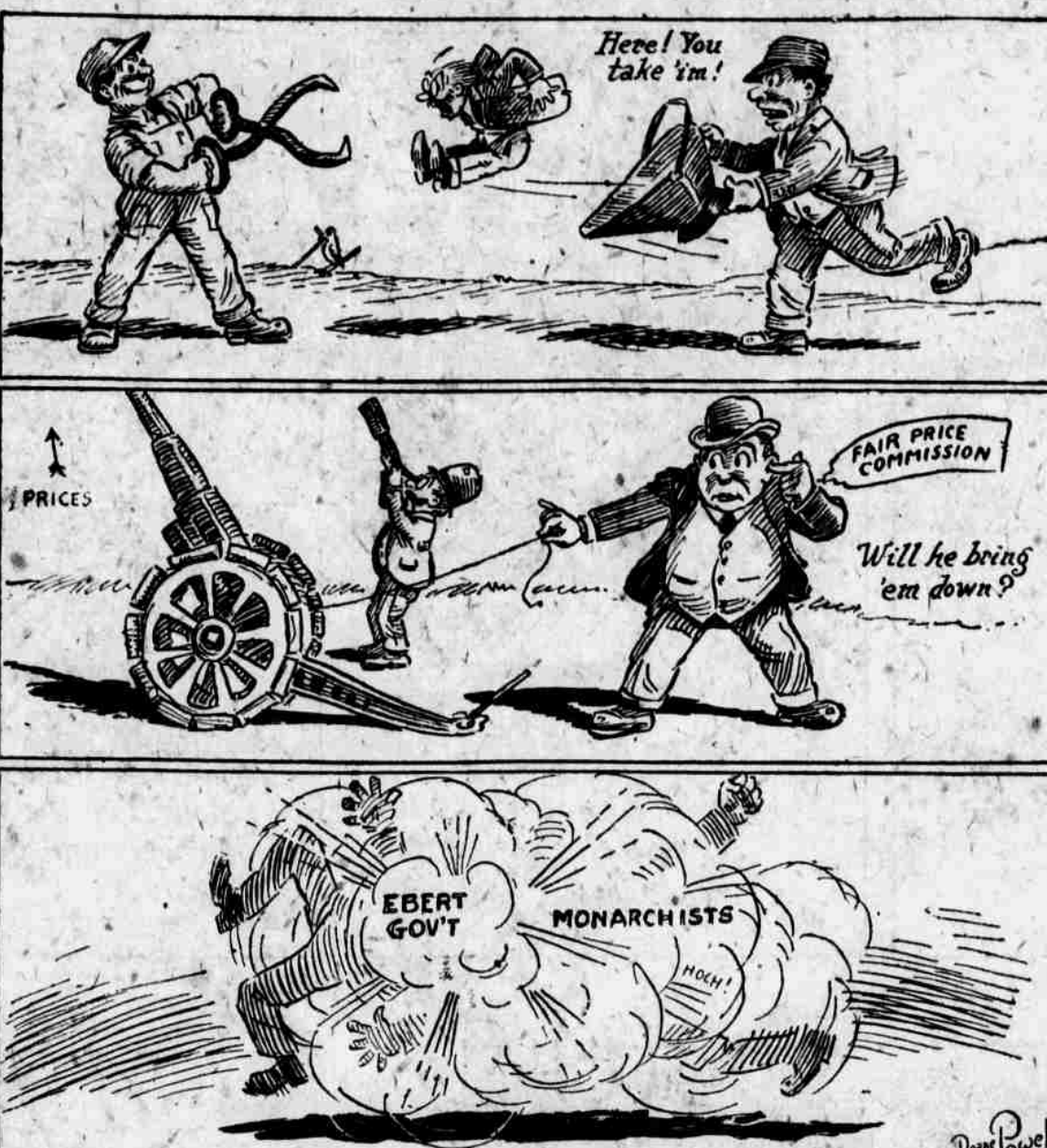
Charge Dalrymple's Minions With Exceeding Authority

Chicago, March 13.—Affidavits charging agents from the office of Maj. A. V. Dalrymple, prohibition commissioner of the central states, with exceeding their authority in making arrests for alleged violation of the prohibition laws and with acting in a manner unbecoming federal officers were filed with Federal Judge George A. Carpenter.

Relative of President Dies

Pasadena, Cal., March 13.—Mrs. Virginia Jones-Bacon, cousin of President Wilson's first wife, died here, age 80. Mrs. Jones-Bacon was a native of Georgia, but had resided in Pasadena many years and was prominent in club and social circles.

The Passing Show of 1920



COMMITTEE OF 500 WILL BACK DRY CANDIDATES

Plan to Take Active Part in Primary Elections—Secretary Thomas Raps Senator Hitchcock.

The Committee of 500, meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building last night, unanimously adopted a resolution providing that the committee take an active stand in the coming primary election for both local and national candidates who favor prohibition, expressing disappointment in Congressman A. W. Jeffers for voting against the Volstead act.

Mr. Thomas declared that prohibition would never have been enforced in Omaha had it not been for Police Judge Foster, who was one of the candidates advocated by the committee at the last election.

He urged that the committee take an active part in local politics as well as national and that Judge Foster be backed for re-election.

W. T. Graham, president of the committee, denounced the action of Admit Probation Officer M. Anderson in permitting paroles to be granted promiscuously.

Mr. Graham also mentioned candidates who could be chosen to run for congress against Congressman Jeffers, declaring that the committee could no longer support Mr. Jeffers after his stand on the prohibition question.

Elmer Thomas and N. P. Dodge were suggested by Police Commissioner Ringer, and F. W. Wead was also suggested as a possible candidate. A committee composed of F. D. Wead, Lysle I. Abbott, Robert Switzer, Byron R. Hastings and Mrs. Charles Roberts was named to select candidates for offices, both local and national.

Robert Arthur Elwood, founder and pastor of the Boardwalk church at Atlantic City, told the committee that a real "steam roller" of opposition would put an end to the political aspirations of Governor Edwards of New Jersey and Senator Hitchcock. He declared that Governor Edwards was a political accident; that he was not elected on either a wet or dry issue, and that Atlantic City was strong for prohibition because with its 360 saloons closed it was more prosperous than ever before.

Exclusion League Moves Against All Orientals

San Francisco, March 13.—The California Oriental Exclusion League and affiliated organizations made plans here to submit to the people of California as soon as possible an initiative petition designed to prevent aliens ineligible to citizenship from controlling or operating agricultural land in any other capacity than as laborers.

HOOVER DECLINES TO GIVE OPINION IN NAVY MIXUP

Tells Senate Investigating Committee His Business Was to Get Food to Allies.

Washington, March 13.—While refusing to comment on military plans or policies, Herbert Hoover told the senate committee investigating the Navy department's conduct of food and heavy sinking of allied merchant ships by German submarines, conditions abroad were critical from April, 1917, until September.

Hoover was called before the committee at the request of Rear Admiral Sims, who asserted that he was best qualified to support his contention that the allies were losing the war when the United States joined them, and that only a vigorous campaign against the U-boats could bring about victory.

Asked if the navy department could not have offered more complete co-operation by sending more vessels to the critical zone, Mr. Hoover declined to express an opinion, except to say that he supposed "everything was done that could be."

He told the committee that he did not consider himself competent to testify regarding technical details of naval matters, and that his business was to "get food to the allies."

Mr. Hoover expressed the belief that American participation turned the scales in favor of the allies at the "critical period of the war, although it was incorrect to say that the United States won the war. Efforts to prove that the navy's failure to keep him informed of important developments in policy caused his associates on the allied naval councils to believe he was not in the full confidence of his government formed the burden of Admiral Sims' testimony.

He criticized particularly the assignment of vessels to the Azores Islands without first informing him of the department's plans, asserting that Washington officials "played into the enemy's hands" by permitting a submarine attack on the Azores port to cause diversion of American forces to those waters. He characterized the incident as a "violation of the fundamental principles of warfare" and an indication of the "effectiveness of German propaganda."

Murderer Shatter Skull Of Woman With a Rock

Washington, March 13.—Her skull shattered with a rock, the body of Mrs. Gertrude Harrison Mann, a widow, was found in a patch of woods only a block away from Connecticut avenue, one of the city's most fashionable thoroughfares. The police believe that the woman was beaten to death by thugs, with robbery as the motive. There was every evidence that she had put up a desperate fight against her assailants.

Mrs. Mann came here a year ago from Mills Valley, Cal. She was a teacher of music, numbering among her pupils many young people from the most prominent families in the city.

New York, March 13.—Vilhelm Steffansson, these plorer, was among the passengers on board the American steamship Philadelphia, which left here for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton. He declined to make known the object of his trip.

Cheapest Money in World

London, March 13.—The cheapest money in the world is that issued by General Yudenitch. It consists of chocolate wrappers. Thousands of Russian troops serving under Yudenitch are paid with this money.

CONVICT SEVEN I.W.W. MEMBERS IN MURDER CASE

Three Others on Trial for Armistice Day Shooting at Montezano Are Freed by Jury.

Montezano, Wash., March 13.—Seven of the 10 I. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, one of four former soldiers shot during an Armistice day parade at Centralia, Wash., were found guilty Saturday night of second degree murder. Three others were found not guilty.

The defendants found guilty of second degree murder were Britt Smith, Ray Becker, James McInerney, Bert Bland, Eugene Barnett, John Lamb and O. C. Bland.

The three acquitted were Mike Sheehan, Elmer Smith and Loren Roberts, the latter on the ground of insanity.

After the reading of the verdict and the return of the defendants to the county jail John Berry, sheriff of Lewis county, in which Centralia is located, read to them warrants charging them with the murder of Arthur McElfresh, another of the four slain at Centralia.

The verdict was returned at 8:35 o'clock. The jury had been out since 10:20 o'clock last night. Earlier in the night the court had declined to receive a verdict in

Estate of Aged Omaha Eccentric Estimated Now Over \$100,000

C. H. Weirich, administrator of the estate of Alfred J. Seaman, Omaha eccentric, yesterday opened the safe deposit vault and found building and loan and other securities valued at \$53,500.

D. W. Merrow, attorney for Seaman, and Mrs. Harriet Wolfe, sister, were present when the vault was opened. Loss of the key to the vault delayed the opening until yesterday.

It is estimated that the estate will total \$100,000. An inventory will be filed in probate court next Wednesday.

French President Advertis For a First-Class Chef

Paris, March 13.—President Deschanel is advertising for a first class chef. It is revealed that the former famous cook at the Elysee palace was discharged by ex-President Poincare because he was too expensive, and was replaced by a second rate "maitre d'cuisine" who was able to prepare simple meals at a minimum cost. M. Deschanel, who, like his wife, is wealthy in his own right, proposes to spare no expense to make the palace menus the most exquisite in the land.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska: Fair Sunday; warmer in east; Monday unsettled and cooler. Iowa: Fair and warmer Sunday; Monday unsettled with cooler at night. Hourly Temperatures: 5 a. m. 29, 6 a. m. 29, 7 a. m. 29, 8 a. m. 29, 9 a. m. 29, 10 a. m. 29, 11 a. m. 29, 12 noon 29.

MILITARY COUP D'ETAT RESULTS IN BLOODLESS REVOLUTION IN BERLIN

Government of Friedrich Ebert, Socialist President of German Republic, Overthrown and Dr. Wolfgang Kapp Has Temporarily Assumed Direction of Affairs—President of Old Government and His Ministers Call on People to Strike as Only Means of Preventing Return of Wilhelm the Second.

Strike! Cease Work! Is Hysterical Plea of Old Government

Berlin, March 13.—The government of Friedrich Ebert, the socialist president of the German republic, was overthrown today by a military coup d'etat.

Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, one of the founders of the Fatherland, and general director of the agricultural societies, has ousted Gustav Bauer, the chancellor, and in taking that office himself, has temporarily assumed supreme direction of affairs.

There are now two contending governments in Germany, the new one under Chancellor Kapp at Berlin and the old one under President Ebert at Dresden. Officials of the new government declare that it is not reactionary or monarchist. The president of the old government and his ministers have issued a proclamation calling upon the people to rise in a general strike as the only means of preventing the return of Wilhelm II.

Berlin Occupied by Troops. Berlin is occupied by the troops of the counter-revolution—to what number is not known—and the movement is spreading rapidly throughout the provinces. Masses of troops and naval brigades with artillery have been brought into the capital and dominate the situation. Thus far there has been no outbreak and no bloodshed.

The Ebert government had knowledge beforehand of the pending counter-revolution, but the precautions taken to prevent it were entirely inadequate. Outside of the security police and the Noske defense troops on patrol, nothing indicated at 3 o'clock this morning that Berlin would wake up to find the Ebert government turned out. The president himself left Berlin with some of his followers two hours after that time.

Thought Agitation Over. Admiral Von Trosta had been dispatched to Doberitz Friday night for the purpose of conferring with the troops and admonishing them to remain loyal to the procedure. He returned and informed the cabinet that the agitation had subsided, but that the danger was not wholly removed.

GERMAN SITUATION MAY BRING ACTION BY ALLIED POWERS

The realization was finally brought home to the cabinet that the army which had been entirely supposed to control was far from being the loyal organization he counted upon and that the Berlin garrisons had also been inoculated by the officers of the old school and were ready for the rising when the military public had been given the procedure. The revolution was planned and carried out has stunned every one.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is reported to be favored by the new regime for imperial president, but thus far he has remained in the

American Express Company Asks Large Increase in Rates

Washington, March 13.—Increased express charges ranging from 10 to 75 per cent and estimated to yield \$25,000,000 additional revenue annually were asked by the American Railway Express company in a petition filed with the Interstate Commerce commission.

The company asks for a flat 25 per cent increase on the present commodity rates in the district east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio rivers. Between points in that district and other sections of the country, the increase would be 10 per cent.

An increase of 33-1/3 per cent was asked for terminal handling of shipments, more than half of which would be turned over to the railroad companies.

Lone Negro Bandit Holds Up Meat Market At Point of Revolver

A negro last night held up the meat market at 1522 North Twentieth street, at 11 o'clock at the point of a 38-caliber revolver. The bandit was unmasked and upon entering the store commanded Metz and his wife to throw up their hands, after which he searched the cash register which was empty. He then ordered Mrs. Metz to open the safe, which was also empty.

Two months ago, according to Metz, the same negro robbed him of \$15, which was in the safe, and warned him not to keep money there.

Fred Owens, 4121 North Nineteenth street, employed at the American Smelting company, was later arrested by Officers Trapp and Palmtag at Eighteenth and Charles streets.

Gen. Pershing Praises Work of American Nurses

New York, March 13.—General Pershing praised the work of American nurses overseas in an address here at a rally to raise funds for the American Legion, March 22, sponsored by the Henry Street settlement. He said he had canceled several engagements in order "to say a word in their behalf."

Assistant Fire Chief Injured in Auto Wreck

Assistant Fire Chief Dineen suffered a wrecked back and bruises about the legs when his automobile was struck by a car driven by Raymond Krunkwid, 504 North Sixteenth street, at the corner of Farman and Park avenue last night. He was attended by police surgeons and taken to his home.